sufficient if the time for repayment is extended by fifteen days more.

Mr. A. NANJUNDA SETTY.—Reports might have been received. But actually was there sufficient rainfall in the said taluks?

Mr. C. ABDUL JABBAR.—At any rate, no reports have been received to the effect that the rains have failed.

Mr. M. H. NARAYANA RAO.—Do the Government agree that the average rainfall in Chellakere and Molakalmuru Taluks is very much lower than in other taluks?

Mr. C. ABDUL JABBAR.—May be.

Mr. M. H. NARAYANA RAO.—Are the Government aware that as a result of this, the raiyats have been experiencing great difficulty as regards fodder for their cattle?

Mr. C. ABDUL JABBAR.—Yes; and that is why permission is being given to cut leaves, when sufficient grass is not available.

Mr. M. H. NARAYANA RAO.—Is it not a fact that the *gutta* is levied in advance?

Mr. C. ABDUL JABBAR.—Yes, by about the 15th of September.

Mr. M. H. NARAYANA RAO.—Does not paucity for grass begin from January?

Mr. C. ABDUL JABBAR.—In January, there will be no grass even in the forests.

Mr. M. H. NARAYANA RAO.—Is not the *hulbanni* amount collected in three instalments, *i.e.*, June, July and August?

Mr. C. ABDUL JABBAR.— The rule provides for payment of the gutta amount in three instalments on or before the 15th of July, 15th August and 15th September every year.

Mr. M. H. NARAYANA RAO.—If after 15th September, grass is not available for cattle, does mere extension of time for payment by fifteen days benefit the raiyats in any way?

Mr. C. ABDUL JABBAR.—That depends on their luck. Because after the fee is paid, if the rains fail, the money cannot be refunded except under special orders of Government.

Mr. M. H. NARAYANA RAO.—Is it not a fact that these taluks adjoin the borders of the Madras Presidency?

Mr. C. ABDUL JABBAR.—Yes.

Mr. M. H. NARAYANA RAO.—Are Government aware that cattle from the adjoining British territory are allowed to graze in these taluks?

Mr. C. ABDUL JABBAR.—Yes. There is nothing to prevent permission being given to such grazing,

Mr. M. H. NARAYANA RAO.—When local raiyats themselves are experiencing difficulty for grazing their cattle, is it fair to allow cattle from parts of British India to graze in these areas?

Mr. C. ABDUL JABBAR.—If there is any such hardship, it should be brought to notice. So far, no representation has been received.

Construction of the Alur-Bikodu Road.

Q.—105. **Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA** (Alur—Rural).

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when the estimate for constructing Alur-Bikodu road in Hassan District was prepared;

(*b*) the amount estimated and within what date the work was ordered to be completed;

(*c*) whether the work has been completed accordingly;

(*d*) how long it will take to complete the work;

(*e*) instead of constructing a bridge on the road, whether a low level causeway was constructed causing inconvenience during rainy season for men and vehicular traffic;

(*f*) whether, even, now, it is possible to complete this road-work by the construction of a bridge?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).—

(*a*) In 1937.

(*b*) Rs. 32,000. No definite time has been stipulated

(*c*) The work is nearing completion.

(*d*) *Vide* answer to (*c*).

(*e*) A high level causeway is constructed. During normal floods, the flow will pass through vents below the

high level causeway causing no inconvenience to the traffic. Construction of a regular bridge at a high cost is not warranted on this road.

(*f*) In view of reply to (*e*), this does not arise.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—At the rate at which the work is progressing, is it not likely that even within the next ten years the work may not be completed ?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—That may be the opinion of the member. But Government feel that it will be completed soon.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 32,000. Have not the Government provided more than that amount for this project ?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—No.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—Did not the previous Dewan promise to give more, if necessary ?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—If it is found necessary, it may be done.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—With reference to answer to (*c*), was the original proposal to construct a causeway or a bridge ?

The MINISTER for LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT (Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda).—At the time the estimate was prepared, it was a causeway that was proposed to be constructed.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—Is the work so far done of any practical use to the travelling public ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Yes.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—In the malnad where rainfall is heavy, will causeways be of any use ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Causeways have been constructed in many places in the malnad.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—If the causeway is washed away, who will be held responsible ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—That will become a matter for enquiry then.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—When the estimate provides for a bridge, if only a causeway is constructed and if it is washed away, who is to be held responsible ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—The change was made on the strength of the technical opinion that was furnished.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—Is there not a bridge over the same stream about five miles higher up near Bikodu ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Notice.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—If there is one, why should a causeway be constructed here ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—It is a matter of technical opinion.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—Even in malnad where rainfall is heavy, if only causeways are constructed, will not people and cattle experience great difficulty while crossing the streams during floods ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—A causeway has been put up at present. If it is found that it is not of much use, it can be improved.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—Is it not possible to construct a bridge now alone in place of a causeway ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—The matter will be looked into.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—What is the amount so far expended on the scheme ?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Rs. 25,500.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—Is the work being done under the *amani* system or has it been given on contract ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—So far as I know, it is *amani*.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—If that is so, who is responsible for the satisfactory execution of the work ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—The Executive Engineer, who has the assistance of some local officers

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—Nearly 200 coolies are working on the spot. If there is no responsible officer on the spot, will the work be done satisfactorily ? I visited the place only a few days back and I can say that even lantana has not been cut and cleared. Earthwork has certainly not commenced. And yet, the Government feel that the work will be completed very soon. Is it possible ?

The MINISTER for REVENUE and FINANCE (Rajamantrapravina K. V. Anantaraman).—The member seems to be very much dissatisfied about the progress of the work. His views will be communicated to the local officers and instructions will be issued to them that the work should be expedited.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—Were not tenders called for and was not the work proposad to be got done under contract system ?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Yes. But the work was not found to be progressing satisfactorily and so, the contract was cancelled and the work taken up as *amani*.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—Could not the work be entrusted to some other contractor now ?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—The work is nearing completion and there is no necessity for such a course.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—Was it not possible to have entrusted it to another contractor instead of taking it up as *amani* ?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Not possible to say that now.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that under the *amani* system, both the expenditure and the delay will be greater ?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—That is not always the case.

Mr. A. P. BASAVALINGE GOWDA.—Will the work be expedited ?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.— Yes.

Supersession of the Harnahalli Municipality.

Q.—109. **Mr. S. SIDDANNIAH (Arsikere—Rural).**

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how long ago a municipality was established at Harnahalli, Arsikere Taluk ;

(*b*) the reasons for superseding that municipality ;

(*c*) the average income and expenditure per year of the municipality ;

(*d*) whether the opinion of the Comptroller to Government was obtained before superseding that municipality ;

(*e*) if so, the opinion of the Comptroller ;

(*f*) whether any petitions have been received urging that the municipality should not be superseded ; if so, have the petitioners been furnished with any replies after reviewing the petitions ;

(*g*) the reasons for not establishing a village panchayet, even though it is a long time since the municipality was superseded ?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT (Mr. H. V. Narayana Rao).**—

(*a*) Since 1918.

(*b*) It was not superseded but abolished owing to its poor financial condition.

(*c*)—

Average Income.	*Average Expenditure.*
Rs. 1,200.	Rs. 1,200.

(*d*) and (*e*) It is not required.

(*f*) Yes. No individual endorsements were given as the notification abolishing the municipality was published in the *Mysore Gazette* (*vide* Notification No. L. 6596/Ml. 23-40-3, dated 8th March, 1941).

(*g*) A village panchayet has been established (*vide* Notification No. L. Dis. V-P.C. 3897-40, dated 25th July 1941, Kannada Gazette, page 484, Part III-3, dated 7-8th August 1941).

Mr. S. SIDDANNIAH.—Before the establishment of a municipality in the place, was it a village panchayet ?

The MINISTER for LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT and PUBLIC HEALTH (Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda).— I think it was a union.

Mr. S. SIDDANNIAH.—After it was converted into a municipality, did not the income go down ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Yes.

Mr. S. SIDDANNIAH.—If so, could not the municipality have been abolished earlier ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Government wanted to give some time to the municipality to see if its income would improve. But there were no signs of improvement and so it was abolished.